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I know that if we pass that resolution that it would have such force and impact that immediately all would cease to assist in local cost and we would be able to take care of the issue. Senator Barnett has supported state aid to education. He is concerned that that issue didn't carry. Well this issue will be considerably different than 772. It would not be subjected to a referendum, because it is an appropriation bill and the court made it very clear that appropriation bills are not subject to referendum and that was in the sales and income tax. I think that we need to move this bill right on across the board, and I think that we have some other sources of revenue coming up. If you really do want to look at them. Senator Dworak if you are concerned about the people in Columbus, maybe you would want to raise Nebraska's corporate tax which is one of the lowest in the United States of America to a reasonable rate. Wisconsin has only a 12% rate and if you are really concerned about taxation and fair taxation maybe we will look at 167 which says that we look at all the sources of revenue, and we see what we need in a particular economic time. If we really had that concern. Now if the Senator Columbus, you know, wants to protect corporations he doesn't want to give local property tax, that is his decision, that is his decision. But I say that it would be a mistake now to kill this particular bill and I would oppose the Barnett motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, last Thursday this bill was discussed and I was thoroughly disgusted with the way it was discussed. The Bee bill that Senator Savage introduced received more discussion than LB368. I can see why the people of Nebraska become disturbed with the Legislature when they hear something like this being done. I'm seeing neither thing for nor against the bill, I can't understand why there was not more discussion on this bill last Thursday. Yesterday I offered a motion to bracket because of the introducers, and in due respect to them, and due respect to the Chairman of the Education Association who was not here, or education committee who was not here, and I asked that to be bracketed so that they would not think that I personally was trying to kill their bill. I apologize to them for doing that, however I feel that I was castigated and being a noval Senator, not understanding the rules and it was alleged by members of the body that I was speaking for a unnamed first class school district. It was alleged by a member of the body that I was speaking to hold this so that the Governor could veto it and we could not over ride it, I was not. I want a discussion and I think that is what we are doing here. We are having discussion and I think that it is fair for the people of the state of Nebraska to have discussion on this bill and to know exactly the merits and demerits of 368. We spend 2 1/2 hours talking about 187, the bill for the Workmens Compensation Judge, or whatever it was. But as I said we spend more time on the Bee bill than we have spend on this bill. I would like to address a very simple question to Senator Chambers, and I would like to ask him a question upon introduction Senator Duis said that this will help provide a more equal education to all children in the state of Nebraska.